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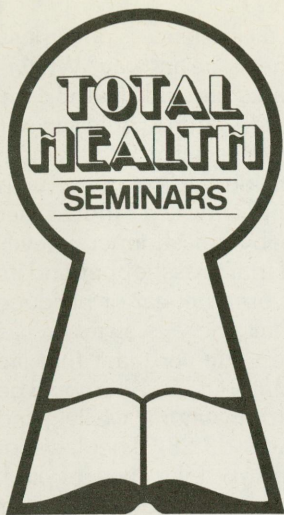
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# Keys to Total Health

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## “Worship Him that Made”

The fourth part of the “everlasting gospel” which is to go “to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” (Revelation 14:6) is to “worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” (Revelation 14:7) What are the implications of this call to worship? What is included in this aspect of the gospel? What do we want people to do when we say, “worship him that made.”?

### **God's Claim To Worship Is His Creative Power**

“Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshipeth thee.” (Nehemiah 9:6) God is worshipped by the heavenly universe because He is Creator. The entire universe was made by Him. The words that David repeated long ago, he would surely say today to those scientists and others who teach the theory of evolution, “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.” (Psalm 14:1)

Many people are bewildered today, wondering what to believe. Some have rejected the Bible as being outdated in this scientific age, and teach instead the theory of evolution. Others have tried to make Bible teachings fit into the evolutionistic scheme. Still others reject the theory of evolution, claiming it to be both antisciptural and unscientific. As we compare the teachings of the Bible with the teachings of the theory of evolution, we find that they contradict each other on almost every point. They cannot be compromised. To accept the teaching of creation is to reject evolution. To accept the theory of evolution is to reject the Word of God. This is a very serious matter, so it must be considered very carefully.

While evolutionists teach that billions of years ago a little piece broke away from the sun and began orbiting around the sun, and that through the process of evolution this speck of cosmic dust finally developed into the planet we call earth, the Bible teaches that only 6,000 years ago God created this little planet and everything on it in the six days of creation week. “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made.” (Genesis 2:1,2) “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.” (Exodus 20:11)

Paul, as he preached the gospel, proclaimed, “(we) preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein. (Acts 14:15) Evolutionists teach that one animal or plant evolves into another animal or plant of a different kind. But the Bible teaches that every animal, plant, bird or fish produces only its own kind (Genesis 1:11,12,22,24,25,27,28). While evolutionists teach that man has evolved from the lower forms of life, the Bible teaches that God created man from the dust of the ground in His own image. (Genesis 1:27, 2:7) These are only a few of the major differences between the teachings of the theory of evolution and the teachings of the Bible. Evolution attempts to explain the origin of things without God. The Bible explains the origin of things with God. The everlasting gospel of Revelation 14:7 calls men to recognize the creatorship of the Almighty God.

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” (Hebrews 11:3) By faith we believe that God created all things, but faith is not blind! “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) Suppose I told you that the fine watch I was wearing was not made or manufactured but just evolved. You would think that I was a little off. But as I explained that a meteor came crashing through the atmosphere and a piece flew off and began ticking, “tick tock, tick tock”, you’d know that I was a little off my ticker. Oh, but it wasn’t a watch yet, just a mainspring. But as the need became evident, it developed a cover complete with a glass lens. And as further need arose a “hand” appeared and then another hand and the watch continued to evolve until finally a whole set of numbers formed in the correct relationship around the face of the dial. It had now “evolved” into a perfect watch. You would know by this time that I was crazy. Yet some scientists try to tell us that from simple one-celled masses of protoplasm a multi-complex creature such as man has evolved over billions of years and we call these men “wise”. No wonder the Bible describes modern man in this striking language, “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:22,21)



To suppose that eyes (as complex as human eyes) develop simply because a mass of cells needed to see is ridiculous. The same is true of our touch, taste, hearing, smell and other senses. The fact that this universe exists, and everything in it, is evidence of God's existence. This is called the cosmological argument for God's existence. Everything must have a cause or Maker. And the Bible agrees with this logical conclusion, "the heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1) "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." (Isaiah 40:26)

Paul, the well-educated apostle, expressed it this way: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." (Romans 1:20-25)

Throughout the great universe of God we witness a marvelous design, a design that argues an infinite designer. The balance in nature is no accident. Many plants and animals are mutually dependent upon each other. Without bees and other insects most plants could not produce, yet without these plants there would be no animal life at all. The design of the human body is a marvelous thing. Our eyesight is not the result of an evolutionistic "accident" but was carefully planned by a loving God. No wonder one Bible writer cries out, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" (Psalm 139:14) From the design and careful planning of man's heart and circulatory system to the delicate design of his eyeball, we witness the careful planning of a loving Creator.

But the mind of man is the most powerful logical argument that can be produced to show God's reality. Only an infinite God could make a creature capable of abstract thought. Man is distinct from the beast because of his incomparable mind. Science can never put man's thoughts into a test tube. Man's marvelous nature has no counterpart among the beasts. Man's brain cannot be the result of "chance" evolution but only the result of a Designer with a plan. Man's ability to choose, decide and meditate are gifts from a loving heavenly Father. The beasts do not worship. They have no desire to worship anything. But there is no known race of man that does not worship. Man is a worshipping being by nature. This argues a loving Creator who instilled within man's breast the desire to worship.

As we reason the matter through, it is logical to believe in God the Creator, who made all things by the power of His might. Take for instance the mystery of life. Life cannot be placed in a test tube, life cannot be produced by scientific experiment. The simplest form of life, a microscopic one-celled creature, is a profound mystery to science. As long as a simple form of life lives, scientists can play with it and learn

valuable lessons from it; but once it dies science is powerless to restore that spark called life. What is life anyway? What is the mysterious thread that separates life and death?

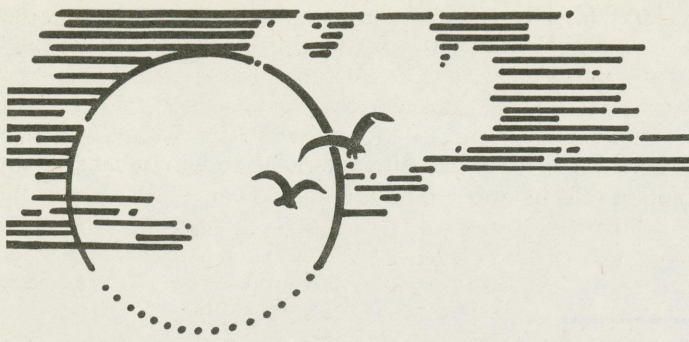
Take a simple grasshopper. We can catch it; hold it in our hand. As long as the grasshopper is alive it can kick, breathe, eat and reproduce after its kind. When mated with another grasshopper of the opposite sex (note that grasshoppers always reproduce baby grasshoppers, never flies, earwigs, or bedbugs). But kill that grasshopper and its life is gone. It can no longer kick, breathe, eat or produce offspring. It just lies still until it finally decays away. What makes the difference? What is life? The very fact that life exists proves that there is a God. Without God life would be impossible. There must be a Creator in whom "we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:28) The laws of heredity prove Biblical creationism. Like begets like. Horses always produce baby horses, never cows, goats, or pigs. Variation within the created kinds can be observed everywhere, but not changes from one kind to another.

If evolution were a fact then certainly the fossil beds would provide the evidence beyond the shadow of a doubt. But instead of proving that evolution has occurred, the fossils prove rather that evolution has not occurred. The fossil evidence supports the Biblical story of a worldwide deluge. For evolution to be true, one animal would have had to evolve or change into another animal of a different kind. This has not happened once in all the history of the fossils. And the most famous "missing link" is the link between man and the apes. Of course, there have been restorations which have attempted to "supply" this "missing link" (such as the pilttdown hoax, which was an outright scientific trickery). But these restorations are mere stretches of the imagination. Take Pithicanthropus erectus (what there is of him: a skullcap, left femur, and three teeth). One molar was found in September, 1891. In October of the same year the skullcap was found, a meter from the tooth. The thigh was not uncovered until a year later, August, 1892, 15 meters away. Jaw fragments were found some miles away.

We could go down to the dump and select pieces off a Ford, Chevrolet, Packard and Studebaker, assemble these altogether and make the statement that at one time these were all parts of the same car. Our assertions would not alter the facts, that one part came off a Ford, another from a Chevrolet, another from a Packard and another from a Studebaker. Assembling together a few fragments of widely scattered bones doesn't prove anything.

The earliest fossil-bearing rocks contain fossils of all of the phyla existing upon the earth today. The evolutionist Shaw, in his book entitled, *Evolution*, made this statement: "Compared with the paucity of fossils in the proterozoic deposits, the cambrium has the appearance of pouring out a deluge of living things in great variety. As if suddenly, all the principal phyla of animals are represented in deposits of this period. The occurrence in it (the cambrium), for the first time, of many hundreds of species so diverse as to belong collectively to most of the phyla that have ever existed, is an apparently abrupt beginning." The fossil deposits are evidence of a universal flood, for seashells are found on mountaintops and in deserts. The famous frozen mammoths of the north, tropical animals frozen animals in "muck" are undeniable proof that some gigantic disaster overtook this planet in a bygone age. Today no fossils are being produced. Before an animal can fossilize it either decays or is eaten away, but at the time of the flood even the footprints of the animals were fossilized. The Bible says that





men in the last days would be "willingly ignorant." (2 Peter 3:3-7)

The First Angel's Message calls upon the people of the world, whatever language they speak, wherever they live, to worship Him that made.

### **Jesus Christ Is Creator**

The apostle John begins his gospel, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God, all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-4,10,14) John claims that Jesus, "the Word", made all things, was in the world, and made the world. So not only does the First Angel's Message call upon us to worship God as Creator, but to worship Jesus Christ, our Saviour from sin, as our Creator.

Paul expands upon the statement of John with these words, "who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist." (Colossians 1:5-17) Jesus Christ was the creator of all, everything that we can see, and things which we cannot see, for He created things "visible and invisible."

Paul explains Christ's creatorship in his book to the Hebrews: "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." "But unto the son he saith, thy throne O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou has loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath annointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning has laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." (Hebrews 1:8-12)

The First Angel's Message, "worship Him that made," calls upon us to worship Jesus Christ not only as Saviour, but as Creator. This is the message that is to go to every nation, tongue and people.

### **The Sabbath Is A Sign Of Christ's Creation**

As Jesus Christ made all things, "visible and invisible", He also created the seventh day Sabbath. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and

do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, not thy maidservant, not thy cattle, not thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:8-11) Jesus himself said, "For the Son of Man is Lord even of the sabbath day." (Matthew 12:8); and "And he said unto them, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath." (Mark 2:27,28)

Paul, in describing to the Hebrews the act of creation which was performed by Jesus Christ, said, "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works." "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God for he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." (Hebrews 4:4,9-11) By worshipping on the day which Jesus himself created, when He created this world, we acknowledge Him as our creator, and show our faith in His death on Calvary's cross.

### **The Sabbath Is A Symbol Of Sanctification**

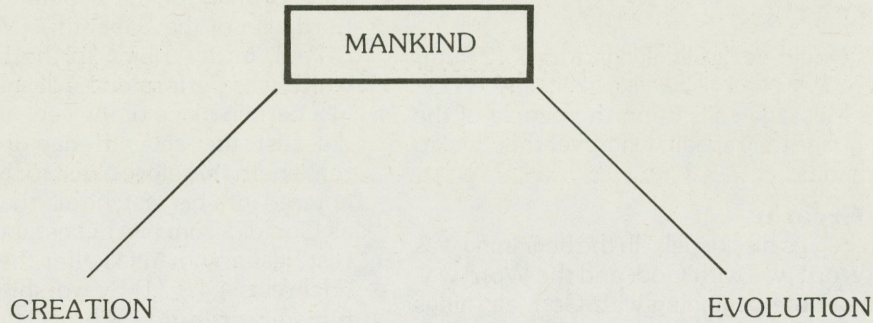
Through the prophet Ezekiel, God instructed, "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." "And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God." (Ezekiel 20:12,20) Sanctification is the process whereby God makes us holy, even as He is holy. Peter wrote this, "Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16) The Sabbath is a symbol of our conversion, or re-creation. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

As we worship on the seventh day which Jesus made, we show that we have truly been born again. The Sabbath doesn't bring about the new birth, it simply shows our faith in Him who is able to make us in righteousness. "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Ephesians 4:24) The Sabbath is a symbol of Christ's creative power, not only in creating this world originally, not only is his ability to call us forth from the grave in the second resurrection, but also of his power to recreate us anew, in his own image or in the process that we call conversion. The Sabbath is an ultimate symbol of belief in righteousness by faith through Jesus Christ. The First Angel's Message calls upon us to "worship Him that made." He made us at the beginning of the world, he bought us back through His own blood, He makes us holy by living out His life within us, and He will create for us new bodies, glorified bodies, to preserve us throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. As we call upon people to "worship Him that made", we are calling upon them to worship Jesus Christ as the Creator God.



## WORSHIP HIM THAT MADE

The diagram below represents the two branches of man's beliefs concerning his origin. After carefully studying what creation tells us about God, write in the blanks what the theory of evolution tells us about God and his power.



1. The Bible is true.
2. God is all-powerful.
3. We can depend on Him.
4. God saves us from sin.
5. God can create a new heaven and a new earth.

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Why might it be difficult to envision a compromise between creation and the theory of evolution? What would this say about God's supreme power?

Do you have greater or less appreciation and respect for all of Earth's living things, knowing that they were created by God? Why?

How do you feel about the Sabbath Day which God created for man?

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